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To whom it may concern:

I believe the anti-trust actions against Microsoft are the most ill-advised, ill-conceived, waste of government resources. The litigation is against the best interests of the general public which have benefited from the products directly and indirectly from the contributions to efficiency of our economy brought about by the desktop computer.

Millions and millions of citizens have suffered great financial hardships directly and indirectly from the government attacks on Microsoft. Not only losses in the values of pension plans and other investments but in a great loss of momentum in our economy in the retardation of new products.

For every single vendor that claims injury from Microsoft there are hundreds that owe a debt of gratitude for its open architecture and willingness to provide opportunities for other businesses to compliment Microsoft's products and run applications on their operating systems.

Microsoft has been most successful because of its open architecture and the contrast with Apple and IBM who tried to keep it all for themselves is very startling.

The consumers of the world voted for Microsoft with their dollars spent purchasing the products. That is economic democracy. The litigation by the government is a reversal of that process.

Very truly yours,

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